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# Seshadri constants on rational surfaces with anticanonical pencils

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**Abstract:** We provide an explicit formula for Seshadri constants of any polarizations on rational surfaces  $X$  such that  $\dim |K_X| \geq 1$ . As an application, we discuss relationship between singularities of log del Pezzo surfaces and Seshadri constants of their anticanonical divisors.

## 1 Def. & Motivation

**Def.**  $X$ : proj. var.,  $L$ : ample l.b. on  $X$ ,  $x \in X$ .  
**Seshadri constant** of  $L$  at  $x$  is

$$(L, x) := \inf \frac{L \cdot C}{\text{mult}_x(C)}; C \subset X : \text{irred. curve } \ni x$$

well-known  
 $= \max\{s \in \mathbb{R}; sE_x \text{ is nef}\}$

where  $\pi_x : \tilde{X}(x) \rightarrow X$ : blow-up at  $x$ ,  $E_x := \pi_x^{-1}(x)$ : excep. div..

### 1st properties

Fix  $L$ . Then,

- $\inf(L) := \inf_{x \in X} (L, x) > 0$  (by Seshadri's ampleness criterion)
- $(L, x) : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; x \mapsto (L, x)$  takes constant value  $\text{gen}(L)$  at very general points ( $(L, x)$ : lower semiconti. if  $X$  is smooth.).

**Ex.**  $X = \mathbb{P}^n, L = \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^n}(k) \Rightarrow (L, x) = k$  ( $\forall x \in X$ ).

Seshadri constants are related to various topics, e.g.;

- generation of jets of adjoint bundles  $K_X + L$
- splitting of Abelian varieties into product
- Castelnuovo-Mumford regularity

Unfortunately, Seshadri constants are very hard to compute, even for rational surfaces.

**Nagata conj.**  $r \geq 10$ ,  $\pi_r : X_r \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ : blow-up at  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$ : very general. Put  $E_i^{(r)} := \pi_r^{-1}(x_i)$ . Then,

$$\Rightarrow \pi_{r*} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{i=1}^r E_i^{(r)} : \text{nef}$$

$\Uparrow$

Conj  $\text{gen}(\pi_{r-1*} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(1) - \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}} \sum_{i=1}^{r-1} E_i^{(r-1)}) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{r}}.$

## 2 An explicit formula for "special" rational surfaces

$\pi_r : X_r \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ : blow-up at  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$ .

- If  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$ : very general  $\Rightarrow |K_X| = \emptyset$ . (Difficult)
- If  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$ : "special"  $\Rightarrow \dim |K_X| \geq 1 \Rightarrow$  easy to compute  $(L, x)$

**Main Thm.**  $\pi_r : X \rightarrow \mathbb{P}^2$ : blow-up at  $x_1, \dots, x_r \in \mathbb{P}^2$  s.t.  $\dim |K_X| \geq 1$ .  $L := \pi_{r*} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{P}^2}(a) - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i E_i$ : ample on  $X$ .

- If  $r = 9$  and  $\sum_{i=1}^r b_i + \sqrt{a^2 - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i^2} \geq 3a$ , then

$$\text{gen}(L) = 3a - \sum_{i=1}^r b_i$$

- Otherwise,  $\exists M_L > 0$  s.t

$$\text{gen}(L) = \min \frac{\alpha a - \sum_{i=1}^r \beta_i b_i}{\beta_{r+1}}; (\alpha; \beta_1, \dots, \beta_{r+1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^{r+2}, \alpha \geq M_L,$$

$$\left\{ \alpha^2 - \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} \beta_i^2 = 1, 3\alpha - \sum_{i=1}^{r+1} \beta_i = 1, \beta_{r+1} \geq 1 \right\}$$

$\Uparrow$  + some calculation

**Key Fact** Let  $X$  be a rational surface s.t.  $|K_X| \neq \emptyset$ . Then

- $\overline{NE}(X) = \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[K_X] + \sum_{\substack{C \subset X: \text{irred. curve,} \\ C^2 < 0}} \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}[C].$
- $C \subset X$ : irred. curve s.t.  $C^2 < 0 \Rightarrow C$ :  $(-1)$ -curve,  $(-2)$ -curve, or fix. comp. of  $|K_X|$ .

## 3 Application: criterion for mildly singular del Pezzo surfaces via $\text{gen}(K_X)$

$X$ : log del Pezzo surf. i.e. normal klt proj. surf. s.t.  $K_X$ : ample. Assume  $X$  has  $\mathbb{Q}$ -Gorenstein smoothing  $f : \mathfrak{X} \rightarrow T \ni 0$  with  $\mathfrak{X}_0 \simeq X$ . By lower semiconti. of Seshadri constants in family,

$$\text{gen}(K_{\mathfrak{X}_0}) \leq \text{gen}(K_{\mathfrak{X}_t}) \quad (\star).$$

Assume  $4 \leq K_X^2 \leq 9$ . We can determine when the equality hold in the inequality  $(\star)$ .

**Theorem.**  $X$ : a log del Pezzo surface.

- Assume  $K_X^2 = 9$ . Then

$$\text{gen}(K_X) = 3 \Leftrightarrow X \simeq \mathbb{P}^2.$$

- Assume  $K_X^2 = 4, 5, 6, 7$  or  $8$ . Then

$$\text{gen}(K_X) = 2 \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} X \text{ has only Du Val sing.} \\ \text{or} \\ X \simeq Z(\mathfrak{s}) \end{cases}$$

where  $\mathfrak{s}$  is a partition of 5 i.e.

$$\mathfrak{s} = (5), (1, 4), (2, 3), (1, 1, 3), (1, 2, 2), (1, 1, 1, 2), (1, 1, 1, 1, 1).$$